

CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. A gutter cover hanger apparatus, comprising:
 - a bottom-located support structure,
 - a gutter engagement portion which extends upward from a front portion of said bottom-located support structure,
 - a gutter cover engagement portion which extends upward from a middle portion of said bottom-located support structure, wherein said gutter cover engagement portion is located at an elevated position relative to said gutter engagement portion, and
 - a support-fastener-reception portion which extends upward from a rear portion of said bottom-located support structure.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said support-fastener-reception portion includes a fastener-reception channel which extends downwardly and rearwardly obliquely with respect to said bottom-located support structure.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said support-fastener-reception portion extends upwardly and rearwardly obliquely with respect to said bottom-located support structure.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:

said gutter engagement portion extends above the bottommost surface of said bottom-located support structure by a first height,

said gutter cover engagement portion extends above the bottommost surface of said bottom-located support structure by a second height, and

said second height is greater than said first height.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said gutter cover engagement portion includes a convex front end.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said gutter engagement portion includes an L-shaped gutter engagement portion.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said bottom-located support structure includes reinforcement means for reinforcing said gutter engagement portion and said gutter cover engagement portion.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, further including a cover having a first edge and an opposed second edge, said first edge being adapted to engage said gutter cover engagement portion and be supported thereby.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said first edge of said cover is complementary in shape to said gutter cover engagement portion.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said first edge of said cover is concave and said gutter cover engagement portion is convex to permit said cover first edge to be snap-fitted on said cover engagement portion.

11. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said reinforcement means comprise at least one transverse rib member extending between said bottom located support structure and said gutter cover engagement portion.

12. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said reinforcement means comprise a plurality of transverse rib members extending between said bottom located support structure and said gutter cover engagement portion.

13. The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said plurality of reinforcement means comprises at least one of said transverse rib members extending at a first angle between said bottom located support structure and said gutter cover engagement portion and at least one other transverse rib member extending at a second angle between said bottom located support structure and said gutter cover engagement portion.

14. The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said reinforcement means comprises a central transverse web member extending commonly through said bottom-located support structure and at least said gutter cover engagement portion.

15. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said reinforcement means comprises a central transverse web member further extending commonly through said gutter engagement portion.